

NEW CLAIMS

New claim 64 is directed to a sampling probe comprising, among other things, **a reactant delivery passage having an annular section defined by an exterior surface of the inner body and an interior surface of the outer body.** The prior art, including Weinberg, fails to show the claimed probe including the reactant delivery passage having an annular section defined by an exterior surface of the inner body and an interior surface of the outer body. Therefore, claim 64 and its dependent claims 65 and 66 are patentable.

New claim 67 is directed to a sampling probe comprising a body, a tip positionable over the substance on the substrate, **a bellows connecting the tip to the body,** a recess in the tip for receiving at least a portion of the reaction product, a reaction product sampling passage, and a reactant delivery passage extending to an outlet positioned at the tip for delivering reactant to the substance on the substrate. None of the prior art shows or suggest the probe of claim 67, especially such a probe including a bellows. Accordingly, claim 67 is patentable.

New claim 68 is directed to a sampling probe comprising a body, a tip, **a resiliently compliant element** connecting the tip to the body, a recess in the tip sized and shaped for receiving at least a portion of the reaction product, a product sampling passage extending from the recess adapted for connection to the product analyzer for transporting at least a portion of the reaction product to the product analyzer, a reactant delivery passage extending to an outlet positioned at the tip for delivering reactant to the substance on the substrate to form the reaction product, and **an overflow vent passage positioned in fluid communication with the recess.** Claim 68 is patentable for at least the reason that none of the references show or suggest a probe comprising the combination of a resiliently compliant element connecting the tip to the body and an overflow vent passage.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the application is respectfully requested. The undersigned requests a telephone interview with the Examiner and the SPE to discuss allowance of the application. Please contact the undersigned to schedule the interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345 in the name of Senniger, Powers, Leavitt & Roedel.

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